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This patent application was filed with the Patent Office on December 30, 2005. As of this date, no office action has been received from the Patent Office. Please inform the undersigned of the status of this application. Thank you.

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